

From the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, for consideration of the House bill and the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Messrs. REYES, HASTINGS of Florida, BOSWELL, CRAMER, Ms. ESHOO, Messrs. HOLT, RUPPERSBERGER, TIERNEY, THOMPSON of California, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Messrs. LANGEVIN, PATRICK J. MURPHY of Pennsylvania, HOEKSTRA, EVERETT, GALLAGHY, Mrs. WILSON of New Mexico, Messrs. THORNBERRY, McHUGH, TIAHRT, ROGERS of Michigan, and ISSA.

From the Committee on Armed Services, for consideration of defense tactical intelligence and related activities: Messrs. SKELTON, SPRATT, and HUNTER.

The message also announced that the House agrees to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 710) to amend the National Organ Transplant Act to provide that criminal penalties do not apply to paired donations of human kidneys, and for other purposes; with an amendment, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate.

The message further announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 1662. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to seek limited reimbursement for site security activities, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2246. To provide for the release of any reversionary interest of the United States in and to certain lands in Reno, Nevada.

H.R. 3887. An act to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 2008 through 2011 for the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000, to enhance measures to combat trafficking in persons, and for other persons.

H.R. 3998. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct special resources studies of certain lands and structures to determine the appropriate means for preservation, use, and management of the resources associated with such lands and structures.

H.R. 4118. An act to exclude from gross income payments from the Hokie Spirit Memorial Fund to the victims of the tragic event at Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University.

At 3:42 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, with an amendment, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

S. 2371. An act to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to make technical corrections.

The message also announced that the House disagrees to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 1585) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2008 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes; it agrees to the conference asked by the Senate on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon, and appoints the following Members as managers of the conference on the part of the House:

From the Committee on Armed Services, for consideration of the House bill and the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Messrs. SKELTON, SPRATT, ORTIZ, TAYLOR, ABERCROMBIE, REYES, SNYDER, SMITH of Washington, Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California, Mr. MCINTYRE, Mrs. TAUSCHER, Messrs. BRADY of Pennsylvania, ANDREWS, Mrs. DAVIS of California, Messrs. LARSEN of Washington, COOPER, MARSHALL, Ms. BORDALLO, Messrs. UDALL of Colorado, HUNTER, SAXTON, McHUGH, EVERETT, BARTLETT of Maryland, McKEON, THORNBERRY, JONES of North Carolina, HAYES, AKIN, FORBES, WILSON of South Carolina, TURNER, KLINE of Minnesota, and Mrs. DRAKE.

From the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, for consideration of matters within the jurisdiction of that committee under clause 11 of rule X: Mr. BOSWELL, Mr. PATRICK J. MURPHY of Pennsylvania, and Mr. HOEKSTRA.

From the Committee on Education and Labor, for consideration of sections 561, 562, 675, 953, and 3118 of the House bill, and sections 561, 562, 564, 565, and 3137 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California, Mr. COURTNEY, and Mr. WALBERG.

From the Committee on Energy and Commerce, for consideration of sections 311–313 and 1082 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Mr. DINGELL, Mr. WYNN, and Mr. BARTON of Texas.

From the Committee on Foreign Affairs, for consideration of sections 831, 833, 1022, 1201, 1203, 1204, 1206–1208, 1221, 1222, 1231, 1241, 1242, title XIII, and section 3117 of the House bill, and sections 871, 934, 1011, 1201–1203, 1205, 1211, 1212, 1214, 1215, 1217, 1219, 1232, title XIII, sections 1511, 1512, 1532, 1533, 1539–1542, 1571, 1574–1576, 1579, 3134, and 3139 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Mr. LANTOS, Mr. ACKERMAN, and Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN.

From the Committee on Homeland Security, for consideration of section 1076 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi, Mr. CARNEY, and Mr. DANIEL E. LUNGREN of California.

From the Committee on the Judiciary, for consideration of sections 582, 672, 673, and 850 of the House bill, and sections 824, 1023, 1024, 1078, 1087, 1571–1574, 1576, 1577, 1579, and title LII of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Mr. CONYERS, Mr. BERMAN, and Mr. SMITH of Texas.

From the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, for consideration of sections 325, 326, 328–330, 604, 653, 674, 801, 802, 814, 815, 821–824, 1101–1112, 1221, 1231, and 1451 of the House bill, and sections 366–370, 603, 684, 821, 823, 842, 845, 846, 871, 902, 937, 1064, 1069, 1074, 1093, 1101–1106, 1108, 1540, 1542, and 2851 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to con-

ference: Mr. WAXMAN, Mr. TOWNS, and Mr. DAVIS of Virginia.

From the Committee on Science and Technology, for consideration of sections 846, 1085, and 1088 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Mr. GORDON of Tennessee, Ms. GIFFORDS, and Mr. EHLERS.

From the Committee on Small Business, for consideration of sections 828, 1085, 1088, 4001, 4002, 4101–4103, 4201–4203, and 4301–4305 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, Mr. ALTMIRE, and Mr. CHABOT.

From the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, for consideration of sections 523 and 1048 of the House bill, and sections 311–313, 353, 1070, 2853, 2855, 2863, 5101, 5202, and 5208 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Mr. OBERSTAR, Mr. COSTELLO, and Mr. GRAVES.

From the Committee on Veterans Affairs, for consideration of sections 525, 1421, 1433, and 1453 of the House bill, and sections 701, 710, 1084, 1611, 1612, 1621, 1626, 1634, 1641, 1654, 1662, and 1702–1712 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Mr. FILNER, Mr. MICHAUD, and Mr. BUYER.

From the Committee on Ways and Means, for consideration of section 536 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Mr. RANGEL, Mr. STARK, and Mr. CAMP of Michigan.

At 6:12 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hanrahan, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 2517. An act to amend the Missing Children's Assistance Act to authorize appropriations; and for other purposes.

#### MEASURES REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 1662. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to seek limited reimbursement for site security activities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 2246. An act to provide for the release of any reversionary interest of the United States in and to certain lands in Reno, Nevada; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 3887. An act to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 2008 through 2011 for the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000, to enhance measures to combat trafficking in persons, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

H.R. 3998. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct special resources studies of certain lands and structures to determine the appropriate means for preservation, use, and management of the resources associated with such lands and structures; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

## MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bill was read the first time:

S. 2416. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the alternative minimum tax on individuals and replace it with an alternative tax individuals may choose.

## EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-4082. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to U.S. military personnel and civilian contractors involved in the anti-narcotics campaign in Colombia; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-4083. A communication from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Case-Zablocki Act, 1 U.S.C. 112b, as amended, the report of the texts and background statements of international agreements, other than treaties (List 2007-235–2007-264); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-4084. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the certification of a proposed agreement for the export of defense articles to the United Kingdom to support the maintenance, repair and modification services for the C-130J and C-130K Aircraft; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-4085. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the certification of a proposed amendment to a manufacturing agreement relative to the export of defense services to Russia for the RD-180 Liquid Propellant Rocket Engine Program; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-4086. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the certification of a proposed agreement for the export of defense services to Saudi Arabia for the operation and maintenance of the Saudi Air Defense Forces HAWK and PATRIOT Air Defense Missile Systems; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-4087. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the certification of a proposed manufacturing license agreement involving the export of technical data to France for the initial development and subsequent manufacture of Complimentary Metal Oxide Semiconductor Application Specific Integrated Circuits; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-4088. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the certification of a proposed agreement for the export of defense articles to Israel for the manufacture of certain Alternate Mission Equipment; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-4089. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the certification of a proposed license for the export of two commercial communications satellites to international waters for launch under the Sea Launch program or to Russia and Kazakhstan for launch; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-4090. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles relative to a commercial communications satellite; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-4091. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a petition that was filed on behalf of workers from the Nuclear Materials and Equipment Corporation in Apollo, Pennsylvania, to be added to the Special Exposure Cohort; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-4092. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Employee Benefits Security Administration, Department of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Annual Reporting and Disclosure" (RIN1210-AB06) received on November 20, 2007; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-4093. A communication from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Applications for Food and Drug Administration Application Approval to Market a New Drug; Revision of Postmarketing Reporting Requirements" (Docket No. 2000N-1545) received on November 20, 2007; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-4094. A communication from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medical Devices; General Hospital and Personal Use Devices; Classification of Remote Medication Management System" (Docket No. 2007N-0328) received on November 20, 2007; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-4095. A communication from the White House Liaison, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy, nomination, and designation of an acting officer for the position of Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs, received on November 20, 2007; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-4096. A communication from the White House Liaison, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of action on a nomination for the position of Deputy Secretary, received on November 20, 2007; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-4097. A communication from the Director of the Peace Corps, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Corps' Performance and Accountability Report for fiscal year 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4098. A communication from the Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semiannual Report of the Inspector General for the period of April 1, 2007, to September 30, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4099. A communication from the Secretary of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department's annual financial report for fiscal year 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4100. A communication from the Acting Secretary of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the semiannual report of the Inspector General for the period of April 1, 2007, through September 30, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4101. A communication from the Chairman, Railroad Retirement Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semiannual Report of the Inspector General for the period of April 1, 2007, through September 30, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4102. A communication from the Director, Institute of Museum and Library Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the agency's Performance and Accountability Report for fiscal year 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4103. A communication from the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Farm Credit Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semiannual Report of the Administration's Inspector General for the period of April 1, 2007, through September 30, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4104. A communication from the Attorney General, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department's Performance and Accountability Report for fiscal year 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4105. A communication from the Acting Director, U.S. Trade and Development Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Agency's Performance and Accountability Report for fiscal year 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4106. A communication from the Chief Acquisition Officer, General Services Administration, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Acquisition Regulation; Federal Acquisition Circular 2005-21" (FAC 2005-21) received on November 16, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4107. A communication from the Archivist of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Organization's Performance and Accountability Report for fiscal year 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4108. A communication from the Executive Director, Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the eight audit reports issued during fiscal year 2007 relative to the Agency and the Thrift Savings Plan; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4109. A communication from the Secretary of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department's Semiannual Report of the Inspector General for the period of April 1, 2007, through September 30, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4110. A communication from the Director, Center for Pay and Leave Administration, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Recruitment, Relocation, and Retention Incentives" (RIN3206-AK81) received on November 30, 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4111. A communication from the Staff Director, U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Commission's Performance and Accountability Report for fiscal year 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4112. A communication from the Chairman, Broadcasting Board of Governors, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Board's Performance and Accountability Report for fiscal year 2007; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-4113. A communication from the Chairman, Board of Governors, Federal Reserve